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STATE ALSO FOR STUDZINSKI AND LANGE  
USAID FOR TROSTLE, BLANCHET AND CARROLL  
HHS FOR WSTEIGER/PBUDASHEWITZ  
FAS FOR OCRA; OSTA  
FAS PASS FSIS AND APHIS  
VIENNA FOR APHIS  
BRUSSELS FOR APHIS/FERNANDEZ  
GENEVA FOR HEALTH ATTACHE  
ROME FOR US MISSION TO FAO

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SUBJECT: TURKEY: THIRD AVIAN INFLUENZA OUTBREAK IN JUST OVER TWO WEEKS

REF: ANKARA 202 AND PREVIOUS

1. On February 6, the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture (MARA) confirmed a third outbreak of Avian Influenza in just over two weeks. This one is in Sakarya province, 125 kilometers east of Istanbul. MARA officials stated that on February 4 suspicious birds were tested. The test results showed that the birds died of the H5N1 strain of the AI virus. As a result, MARA culled 1905 poultry in Sakarya Province and 1315 poultry in neighboring Kocaeli province. Quarantine measures have also been implemented.

2. Comment: MARA seems to be taking all necessary measures, including releasing timely press reports. That the villagers apparently have immediately notified MARA of dead birds is evidence that MARA's public education campaign has been effective.

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